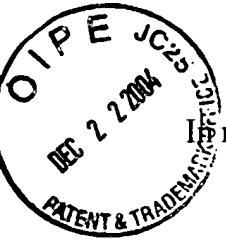


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**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION THAT IDS FILING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003**  
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The instant application was allowed December 8, 2004. An IDS was filed November 17, 2003, consisting of three pages of references on the corresponding PTO-1449. However, in the initialed copy of the PTO-1449 accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed December 8, 2004, all references were initiated by the Examiner except the foreign reference (597,049) listed under the three Foreign Patent Documents on Sheet 1.

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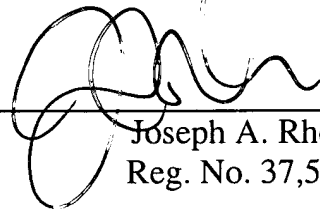
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide the undersigned with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 corresponding to the IDS filed November 17, 2003, showing the foreign reference initialed by the Examiner.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

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